

Neighbors:

Provo couple shares unique hobbies

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PROVO — Doren Boyden, 85, of Provo says not only is square dancing good exercise for the body, it's also good exercise for the brain.

"It's exercise for the brain because the dancers have to pick out of the mumbo jumbo of the caller what they're suppose to do," said Boyden. He's been a square dance caller for over 30 years and still keeps on calling at least once a week with a senior citizens group.

Sometimes, he takes a couple of squares to area rest homes to entertain.

Boyden still remembers when he was eight years old on the family ranch in Wallsburg and dancing to beat the band.

"It was different then than today's squares. We would dance the Virginia Reel and dos-ados," said Boyden.

Deer Creek Reservoir didn't exist then. There was a single phone line to Wallsburg, although electricity hadn't arrived

yet.

Boyden's father worked for Mountain Bell Telephone, and that's where Boyden later worked too until retirement.

When residents traveled to the city, they went to Provo on the train or by horse-drawn wagon.

In the 1950s, Boyden and his late wife, Larella, operated and resided at the Upper Falls Resort in Provo Canyon. He called square dances on the resort's dance floor.

The Boydens also liked to travel around Utah, collecting precious stones, which Boyden crafted into belt buckles, western bola ties, or jewelry for his wife.

While pursuing their rock-hound hobby, they became acquainted with Lydia Stout and her husband Leland.

About three years ago, Boyden had back surgery and while he was recovering, Larella died.

Later, a widowed Lydia learned of Larella's death and called Boyden to offer her condolences. They hadn't seen each other since before both had had

their hair turn gray.

But communications continued, and Boyden and Lydia were married about a year ago.

"I like to sit and watch him call square dances," Lydia said, who would like to dance but cannot because of health problems.

While Boyden cuts and polishes his precious stones into small things to wear, Lydia turns them into household objects. Cutting precious stones into thin slabs she polishes them, bringing out beautiful patterns. She then uses them to line fireplaces and to adorn white cement table tops.

In her longtime home where the newlyweds live, Lydia's kitchen table is a thick slab with polished stones that form patterns of butterflies and flowers.

Her first husband owned the Stout Lumber Yard, but she established a lucrative business of her own in the 1950s, lining fireplaces and making tables. She did the fireplace at Bridal Veil Falls.

While delivering one of her heavy tables to Scottsdale, Ariz. she met influential architect,

Lydia Boyden Doren Boyden



The Boydens, Lydia, left, and Doren, enjoy sharing their unique hobbies and talents with each other and their associates.

Frank Lloyd Wright. She showed her work to Wright and his students at Taliesin West, Wright's live-in educational fellowship's winter campus.

Lydia said Wright was very impressed with the table and its

use of natural precious stones. He ordered two of her tables.

First Lady Mamie Eisenhower was also in Scottsdale and bought one of the tables, which now resides in the Eisenhower Presidential Museum.

"Neighbors" highlights interesting local people who are not necessarily newsmakers. If you know of someone young or old with an interesting hobby, talent, or a unique story to tell contact Herald reporter Pat Christian at 373-5050.

Christ of Latter-day Saints, Laurence Ward, on old River Road one block north of Ming, Bakersfield, Calif., Tuesday, November 17 at 11 a.m. for James and Richard Peterson, 28, who died November 13 in a Bakersfield Hospital. Chaplain Roger Allred officiated.

Mr. Peterson was born May 17, 1964 in Anaheim, California and had resided in San Luis Obispo County for 15 years.

Mr. Peterson attended Thompson Junior High School, Bakersfield High School, and graduated from West High in 1982 where he played in varsity football and track and was an all-area linebacker. He attended Bakersfield College where he played football and received an A.A. Degree in 1984. He attended San Diego State and Cal State, San Luis Obispo until 1986.

He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Bakersfield College Alumni and the Helmet Club. He was currently employed as manager of Green Valley Recreation Center in White Lane.

His survivors include his parents, Howard and Patricia Peterson; brothers: Kenneth, William, and Robert Peterson, all of Bakersfield; sisters: Carol Lewis of Anaheim; Janice Bailey of Monroe, Utah; Linda Harper of Orem, Utah; 11 nephews; nine nieces; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Casketbearers were Kenneth, William, Robert Peterson, Roy Lewis, Lee Harper, Dave Graf, Dave Maas, and Jim Peterson. Honorary casketbearers were John Holbrook, Ted Watson, and Steve Varble.

Visitation was Monday, 6 to 8 p.m. at Greenlawn Southwest Chapel and Tuesday 9:30 to 10:30 at the church. Greenlawn Southwest Mortuary, funeral directors.

Death Notices

Corah Kay Armstrong, 37, died Nov. 1992. Funeral service pending and will be announced by Berg Mortuary.

She was born May 15, 1905 in Kanab, Utah to Samuel Thomas and Mary Elizabeth Swapp Haycock. She graduated from Kanab High School and attended college in Cedar City. On March 8, 1927 she married Z. Ray Judd in Kanab. Their marriage was later solemnized in the St. George Temple.

As an active member of the LDS Church, Elva served in most of the auxiliary organizations. She and her husband operated Judd Merchandise in Fredonia, Arizona for many years. She enjoyed music and sang at many functions, especially funerals.

Her survivors include her children: Burke H. Judd of Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Duane H. Judd, Vance H. Judd and Arlo H. Judd all of Mesa, Arizona; Jaclyn Dyer of Modesto, California; Suzanne Mickelsen of Springville, Utah; sisters: Clara Strange of Chico, California and Alta Porter of Cedar City, Utah; 27 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brothers and sisters: Maude Eddington, Irene Carpenter, Rita Kirby, Gerald Haycock, Carl Haycock, Melvin Haycock, and Berdell Haycock.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, November 21 at 1 p.m. in the Fredonia LDS Chapel. Friends may call at Mosdell Mortuary in Kanab from 7 to 8 p.m. on Friday and at the chapel in Fredonia on Saturday from 11:45 to 12:45 p.m. Burial will be in the Fredonia Cemetery.

National Obituaries

John J. Cascella
INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — John J. Cascella, a keyboardist for rock singer John Mellencamp, died of a heart attack Saturday. He was 45.

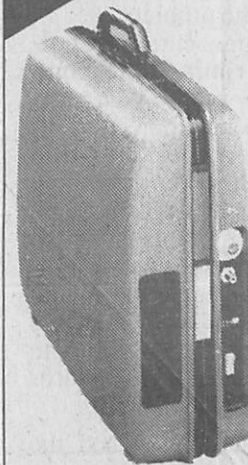
AUTO THEFT — Provo Capt. Duane Fraser said a white four-door 1984 Buick Regal was reported stolen Sunday from the area of 550 W. 3700 North, Provo. It is valued at \$1,500.



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